THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D.S.R.VARMA
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE G.V.SEETHAPATHY

TAKEN UP WRIT PETITION No.12303 OF 2006

DATE: 06-11-2006

Between:

P. Zaheer Ahmed
R/o. H.No.39-3-47,
Mosque Street, Labbipet,
Vijayawada. .. **Petitioner**

AND

The Station House Officer
VI Town Police Station,
Vijayawada, Krishna District
& 3 others

.. **Respondents**

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ORAL ORDER: (per the Honourable Sri Justice D.S.R.Varma)

Heard the learned Advocate General appearing for the respondents.

2. The letter, dated 'nil', addressed by one P. Zaheer Ahmed, H.No.39-3-47, Mosque Street, Labbipet, Vijayawada, to the Honourable the Chief Justice, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, complaining that his daughter by name Ms. Shabana Banu, aged 17 years, has been found missing since 29-05-2006. It

appears that the said girl was found missing after she had boarded a bus at Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada, on 29-05-2006 and did not reach Hyderabad, is the source for registering this matter as 'taken up writ petition'.

3. In response to the notices, issued by this Court, the respondent No.2 -- Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada, filed a counter-affidavit and also an additional counter-affidavit stating, *inter alia,* that the investigation has been taken up after registering the case in Crime No.267/2006 under the head 'Girl Missing' and that in the pursuit of tracing the missing girl, he informed the print and electronic media about the missing of girl and submitted talash forms to the Central Crime Records Bureau. It appears that pamphlets were also published and distributed widely at all public places, including bus stands, railway stations, busy market centers etc., in order to elicit any information about the missing girl, but so far no information is forthcoming. As already noticed, the girl was found missing after she boarded a bus at Vijayawada for going to Hyderabad.

4. It was further stated in the counter-affidavit that, during the course of investigation, the girl had stayed at Challapalli, Krishna District, for some time, as such, intensive enquiries were made with the relatives of the missing girl. In this connection, the statement of the maternal uncle of the missing girl was also recorded, who stated that he is the brother of the mother of the missing girl. It is further stated that so many other aspects had taken place during the course of investigation; that on 28-05-2006, the mother and the missing girl came to Vijayawada and stayed at the house of her sister-in-law and that on 29-05-2006, they started to go to 'Madarasa' at Labbipet to join her there and that the girl who was walking a bit ahead of her mother mingled in the public at Benz Circle and disappeared.

5. It also appears that the missing girl telephoned to her maternal uncle Mohammed Illiaz stating that she has been leaving with her friends to Hyderabad. There are so many other

particulars, which have been furnished, as regards the efforts made by the police, to trace the missing girl. But, so far, all the efforts have become futile exercise. However, further attempts are being carried on.

6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances, suffice it to close the present writ petition with a direction to the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City, Krishna District, to appoint a Responsible Officer for this purpose i.e. in order to trace the missing girl and supervise personally and also send the report to the Registrar (Judicial) of this Court regarding the progress and result of the investigation, if any, after a month.

7. With the above observations, the Writ Petition is closed, at the stage of admission. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

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D.S.R. VARMA, J

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G.V. SEETHAPATHY, J

Date:06-11-2006.

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